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From: gov.sarah@yahoo.com
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2007 9:51 PM
To: Ruaro; Randall P (GOV)
Cc: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV)
Subject: Helmet Laws

Thanks so much Randy - I appreciate this update and look forward to sitting down with you on these (and so many other!) issues.

Right out of the shoot - glad you told me about the mandatory helmet law referenced in DOT info. I don't support helmet laws. We'll do all we can to encourage usage, but I won't support legislating it. We'll have to communicate that to Leo asap. I believe enough states will protest any fed's threat of diminished DOT funds if a state refuses to enact helmet laws that Alaska will succeed with those other states on the issue.

The successes you report on the other fronts, esp with Ketchikan and Muni of Anchorage issues, are encouraging.

Thanks again, lots on our plates, this will be fun!

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From: "Ruaro, Randall P (GOV)" <randall.ruaro@alaska.gov>

Date: Sat, 15 Sep 2007 21:40:09

To:gov.sarah@yahoo.com

Subject: Misc.

Dear Governor Palin:

Thank you for the opportunity to work for you. I will try and contribute as quickly as I can.

Just briefly, I have now met personally with all the Commissioners in my portfolio and the AG and asked about their issues. I also mentioned the idea from the meeting last week with Commissioner Monegan of forming a Criminal Justice Working Group or Commission. I think it would be similar to the group formed by Governor Hickel by an Administrative Order back in 1993. I have a meeting scheduled for next week to follow up with the Lt. Governor.

Also, a few positive things happened last week. The court case against the state related to the Anchorage jail and prisoner transport settled out of court by agreement of the attorneys. Documents should be filed with the court soon. The municipality and the State can now get back to working together.

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Sincerely,

Randy Ruaro

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Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2007 11:22 AM
To: Tibbles; Michael A (GOV); Balash; Joseph R (GOV); Kelly; Russell T (GOV)
Cc: Leighow; Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: AH

Mike- pls let me see info beforehand on sensitive items like this - I'll be seeing legislators tomorrow and I would need to know what our communications are with them on issues I'm working on. Thanks

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From: "Tibbles, Michael A (GOV)" <mike.tibbles@alaska.gov>

Date: Sat, 15 Sep 2007 11:18:23

To:ExternalEmailgsp <gov.sarah@yahoo.com>,"Balash, Joseph R (GOV)" <joe.balash@alaska.gov>,"Kelly, Russell T (GOV)" <russ.kelly@alaska.gov>

Cc:"Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)" <sharon.leighow@alaska.gov>

Subject: RE: AH

Governor,

The following email was sent yesterday by Russ to all legislators as a heads up to AH's Sunday article. The text is the same as was sent back and forth to AH. I am not aware of any other media contact or legislative contact on the subject.

Mike

Dear Legislators:

I want to bring your attention to a series of exchanges our press office had over the past week with former Representative Andrew Halcro. It is

expected he will have a column in the Anchorage Daily News on Sunday.

On Monday, he asked whether the Department of Law had conducted an investigation of the PPT votes last session. In response, we sent the following statement in writing on Wednesday:

The Department of Law requested access to the evidence gathered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. That access was denied. We do not wish to hamper their investigations or prosecutions. In the meantime, we continue to monitor the evidence presented in the trials. Nevertheless, we do not comment on investigations.

In this case, the public does have the plea agreements and testimonials from Rick Smith and Bill Allen. They have admitted to taking illegal actions to corrupt the outcome of the legislative process. Additional evidence is referenced in those documents as well as the indictments of the 3 former legislators.

Mr. Halcro followed that up with the following e-mail to Sharon Leighow that evening:

From: Andrew Halcro [mailto:ahalcro@ptialaska.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2007 6:36 PM
To: Leighow, Sharon W (GOV)
Subject: Re: Andrew - Here is the response to the question posed Monday

Sharon,

Thanks so much for the quick response.

So just so I'm correct, no internal investigation has been done but the administration still feels the indictment of three lawmakers proves the whole legislative process was tainted. (I don't want to put words in

your mouth but I'm trying to relay the truth as succinctly as possible. Let me know if I'm off base....and yes that is an open ended offer regarding any subject :) .

Also just a reminder if the governor has some time on Tuesday, I'd be honored to have her on as a guest on Mike Porcaro's talk radio program.

Thanks.
Andrew

Out of concern that his column would reflect the erroneous conclusion that the governor believed all legislators are tainted, we sent a further response on Thursday morning:

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The Governor has NOT said the whole legislative process has been tainted. However, the outcome has been colored by the guilty pleadings of two executives and the actions of a few legislators. That does not make the Legislature as a whole guilty. Here's what she had to say last week:

"Aside from the corruption scandal where oil service company executives have plead guilty to bribing certain lawmakers for a particular oil tax outcome last year, and of course those corruption trials beginning tomorrow, there's been a lot discussion out there in the public on that issue. There were obviously some lawmakers engaging in activities their fellow lawmakers did not condone regarding the oil taxes and we have many fine Alaskans serving in our Legislature. They're serving for the right reasons and I do look forward to working with these legislators in the coming weeks-and months-on new oil taxes."

The audio file is attached.

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To:	'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject:	Fagan + AOGA

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Not that this is a shock, but it helps confirm what we've all expected.

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3. Would you work with the families of over 10,000 home school students to correct the disparate treatment of homeschool families according to their enrollment in a statewide or an in-district homeschool program?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

4. The statewide programs receive only 80% of the per pupil foundation formula amount, and they receive no support from local property taxes.

4. Would you work with our members to remove the 20% funding penalty imposed on homeschool students in statewide programs?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

5. Last year, the Department of Education restricted the children of families in the statewide programs who use effective, privately purchased religious curricula, despite the fact that those materials clearly exceed the state's standards under AS 14.03.015, AS 14.07.20, etc.

5. Would you work with our families to guarantee that homeschool parents and teachers can use any materials which are aligned with state standards?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

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6. Do you support keeping the current "hands off" approach to independent homeschooling?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

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7. Would you like us to tell our member families that you would welcome their help in your campaign?

Candidate Sarah Palin - Yes

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To: <adougherty@gci.net>; <bheinrichs01@kodiakschools.org>; <gbiegel@ak.net>; <alaskaplantlady@alaska.net>
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2007 9:24 PM
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Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 4:54 PM
To: 'Sally Javier'; adougherty@gci.net; benshier@gci.net; bheinrichs01@kodiakschools.org; baheinrichs@hotmail.com; terinalochner@yahoo.com; gbiegel@ak.net; jclum@gci.net; jenhowie4@yahoo.com; joslin@wildak.net; alaskaplantlady@alaska.net; michelle@elementalmuse.com; nels.tomlinson@gmail.com; patshier@gci.net; peterkott1971@aol.com; peterkott@hotmail.com; sally.javier@ideafamilies.org; sguffanti@cox.net; sallyjavier@yahoo.com; kodiakak@gmail.com; vonclumm@gmail.com

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Somehow this wasn't exactly the response I was hoping for...

Susan

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Sent: Monday, July 30, 2007 4:24 PM

To: nymeyer@gci.net

Subject: Letter from Governor Palin

Please see the attached letter from Governor Sarah Palin in response to your email.

Lynn Castle

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Cc: Janice L Mason

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Sent: Sep 15, 2007 8:30 AM

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Mike

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Sent: 9/12/2007 6:32 PM

Subject: Beigel

Welcvome back Lynne!

Did I see that letter that the signature machine signed re: glen beigel's homeschool issue(s), i think it was in response to a letter he or the homeschool group must have sent us.

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Subject: Fw: sarahpalin.com

How in the world did Glen get involved in this aspect of any future campaign?

Fb- what do u recommend on the .com name? I dont want to work through Glen on this or he'll think we owe him something

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To: Palin, Sarah (GOV sponsored)

Sent: Sat Sep 15 07:17:37 2007

Subject: Fw: sarahpalin.com

Sarah,

Here is the email about the site.

Thanks

Glen

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From: "Peter Torkelson" <peter@advanced-design.com>

To: "Glen Biegel" <gbiegel@ak.net>

Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 12:15 PM

Subject: Re: sarahpalin.com

I certainly don't expect you to pay, but I think it would be in her interest to have it forward to .gov and then own and use it for the next election cycle. Generally the campaign would pay all coming four years in one shot and then I would set it to forward and we

would all forget about it until 2010.

P.

>I can help to pay, or talk with someone in the administration (or even
>to

>Sarah). What were you thinking you would like to do?

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>Thanks

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>Glen,

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>Doing year end wrap ups. What do you want me to do with

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>coming 4 years is $40. I can set to forward gov.state.ak.us which

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Sent: Thu Sep 13 22:09:10 2007

Subject: sarahpalin.com

Sarah,

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Governor,

Walt just called me to report another fire on the North Slope at Kuparuk. The fire occurred in a ConocoPhillips Conex that was being used as a shop and storage area. We do not have details of how the fire started but it is being reported that the fire was small and was contained to the Conex. We learned of the fire from ConocoPhillips when they contacted the State Fire Marshall's office. They initially asked if we would like to investigate but later called back and requested the Fire Marshall's office participation in reviewing the situation. They commented that in light of the recent fires, they wanted to be transparent. We are sending someone to inspect tomorrow. DPS is not initiating any media.

Mike

Unknown

From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RPRUARO]

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2007 9:40 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject: Misc.

Dear Governor Palin:

Thank you for the opportunity to work for you. I will try and contribute as quickly as I can.

Just briefly, I have now met personally with all the Commissioners in my portfolio and the AG and asked about their issues. I also mentioned the idea from the meeting last week with Commissioner Monegan of forming a Criminal Justice Working Group or Commission. I think it would be similar to the group formed by Governor Hickel by an Administrative Order back in 1993. I have a meeting scheduled for next week to follow up with the Lt. Governor.

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Randy Ruaro

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From: Ruaro, Randall P (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=RPRUARO]

Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2007 9:40 PM

To: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'

Subject: Misc.

Dear Governor Palin:

Thank you for the opportunity to work for you. I will try and contribute as quickly as I can.

Just briefly, I have now met personally with all the Commissioners in my portfolio and the AG and asked about their issues. I also mentioned the idea from the meeting last week with Commissioner Monegan of forming a Criminal Justice Working Group or Commission. I think it would be similar to the group formed by Governor Hickel by an Administrative Order back in 1993. I have a meeting scheduled for next week to follow up with the Lt. Governor.

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Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2007 6:00 PM
To: Palin; Sarah (GOV sponsored)
Subject: North Slope Fire

Governor,

Walt just called me to report another fire on the North Slope at Kuparuk. The fire occurred in a ConocoPhillips Conex that was being used as a shop and storage area. We do not have details of how the fire started but it is being reported that the fire was small and was contained to the Conex. We learned of the fire from ConocoPhillips when they contacted the State Fire Marshall's office. They initially asked if we would like to investigate but later called back and requested the Fire Marshall's office participation in reviewing the situation. They commented that in light of the recent fires, they wanted to be transparent. We are sending someone to inspect tomorrow. DPS is not initiating any media.

Mike

Byers, Gail Y (LAW)

From: Smith, Lynne M (GOV) [/O=SOA/OU=FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=LMSMITH1]
Sent: Saturday, September 15, 2007 7:29 PM
To: Colberg; Talis J (LAW)
Cc: 'gov.sarah@yahoo.com'
Subject: statewide correspondence programs and state supported home school support issues

This is an information sheet that Eddy Jeans did for our (Governor, Mike Tibbles and me) meeting with Commissioner Sampson and Chairman Mauer in May. I thought the history would help.

I am working with Barbara Thompson on the "short" list of Mr. Biegel's concerns.

Lynne

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Statewide Correspondence Programs & State Supported Home School Support Issues

- In the spring of 1998, the Alaska Legislature passed the new public school funding formula. Included in the legislation was funding for school districts that operated correspondence programs outside of their districts' boundaries, on a statewide basis. The legislation did not provide the department with guidance pertaining to the operation of these programs.
- Many of these statewide correspondence programs have developed and grown into what is known as state-supported home school programs.
- In the fall of 1998, the State Board of Education adopted regulation establishing an application process for public schools districts that elected to operate statewide correspondence programs.
- As these programs evolved, additional regulation were adopted to provide school districts with guidance in the operation of these programs. Absent specific legislative direction, the State Board assumed responsibility to establish guidelines for appropriate use of public funding by these programs.
- Almost all of these programs provide families with a **reimbursement allotment**, for each enrolled student, which can be used to purchase supplies, materials, tutors, and other educational expenses.
- Allotments for each child range from $1,200 to $2,000, depending on the child's grade level.
- School districts are funded $4,304 per student enrolled in correspondence programs which is 80% of the base student allocation and is set in law.
- The department asked for guidance from the Legislature in 2004, for the passage of legislation that defines acceptable and appropriate use of public funds in the cash allotments, for these programs. The legislature suggested EED work with school districts and parents to resolve issues.
- In 2004, in response to many public and private complaints from Alaskan's about how the cash allotments were being spent, and at the request of the Alaska State Legislature, the Department of Education & Early Development promulgated regulations that would identify appropriate expenditures for the cash allotments.
- EED received documented reports of allotment funding being spent on family vacations, entire family health club memberships, water park passes, the purchase of animals, cameras, sewing machines, athletic shoes and other items that family members were not expected to return at the end of the course of study in the statewide correspondence program.

- EED can see the educational benefits when courses are linked to Alaska standards but the general public doesn't when funds are used in a questionable manner.

- It was also documented that some programs allowed the cash allotments to be used totally on music lessons, sports camps, art lessons, and other elective courses. In many instances, students were enrolled in no core academic programs.

- The State Board of Education & Early Development adopted regulations that required students to enroll in at least 50% core academic courses.

- Families may use up to 15% of their allotment ($807) for art, music and physical education. This amount is based on 15% of the state's foundation base student allocation, which is $5,380.

- This state imposed cap allows individuals to spend between 40-67% of their cash allotment on non core academic programs depending on the individual student allotment.

- EED highly values and supports home school programs and programs of choice. EED does not oppose families purchasing and using religious materials on their own. The state just can't pay for it.

- EED supports dual enrollment in community schools and correspondence programs when it provides the maximum benefit for the students.

- Some community schools have music and art in group settings but students in community schools don't enjoy the benefit of private one on one lessons.

- EED supports the traditional home schoolers as well as those that utilize the state supported home schooling programs operated by districts. Families that enroll in state support home schooling program must understand that once they accept public monies there will be strings and limitations attached.